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Descriptive Title of Invention:		
Ink Emissions Condenser and Collection System for an Ink Jet Printer		
Name of Project:		
FALCON		
Product Name or Number:		
Scanning/Page Wide Array		
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Was the invention built or tested? If so, the date:		
Condenser system was built and tested		
Was this invention made under a government contract? If so, the agency and contract number:		
Description of Invention: Please preserve all records of the invention and attach additional pages for the following. Each additional page should be signed and dated by the inventor(s) and witness(es).		
A. Description of the construction and operation of the invention (include appropriate schematic, block, & timing diagrams; drawings; samples; graphs; flowcharts; computer listings; test results; etc.)		
B. Advantages of the invention over what has been done before.		
C. Problems solved by the invention.		
D. Prior solutions and their disadvantages (if available, attach copies of product literature, technical articles, patents, etc.).		
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A: Description of Invention

New high throughput writing systems will require heaters to drive off moisture from the paper. This is required to achieve handleability and stacking goals for the output. Once the paper and ink is heated, the high humidity air must be collected, processed and exhausted to the atmosphere. The humid air is a mixture of water from the ink, paper, solvents from the ink, and ink aerosol. This invention collects the heated vapours, condenses the water and solvents, filters the aerosol, and pumps and stores the collected condensate.

(At some of the proposed throughputs, ink usage (for scanning) may reach 1.9 L/hr. Assuming 80% of the ink is driven off during heating, up to 1.5 L/hr may have to be processed.)

Note – Ink is approx 80% water, 15-18% solvent, and the remainder is dye, biocide, etc. When it is heated, the vapour is about the same composition, with the most of the dye staying in the paper. The vapour is ~80% water, 20% solvents.

(See attached diagram for a schematic of system.)

B: Advantages of Invention:

- 1) Previous designs did not have any condensation systems due to a lack of heaters and/or relatively low throughputs. The only system was a fan and filter to control aerosol.
- 2) The humid air is controlled – evacuated from the printzone and processed. This will minimize the amount of water condensing on critical surfaces and causing print quality problems.
- 3) Waste condensate can be stored and disposed of correctly.
- 4) Ink solvents can be prevented from entering the atmosphere around the printer in high quantities. Note that there are limits to the amount of some solvents in the air. Some solvents do not have limits yet. Also, some solvents may not be harmful, but have annoying odours that may be unacceptable.

C: Problems Solved by the Invention:

- 1) The humid air is controlled – evacuated from the printzone and processed. This will minimize the amount of water condensing on critical surfaces and causing print quality problems.
- 2) Waste condensate can be stored and disposed of correctly.

D: Prior Solutions and their Disadvantages:

The only solution I know of is an aerosol fan to remove air from the interior of the printer. We have never cooled or condensed vapour.

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EMISSIONS CONDENSER AND STORAGE SYSTEM

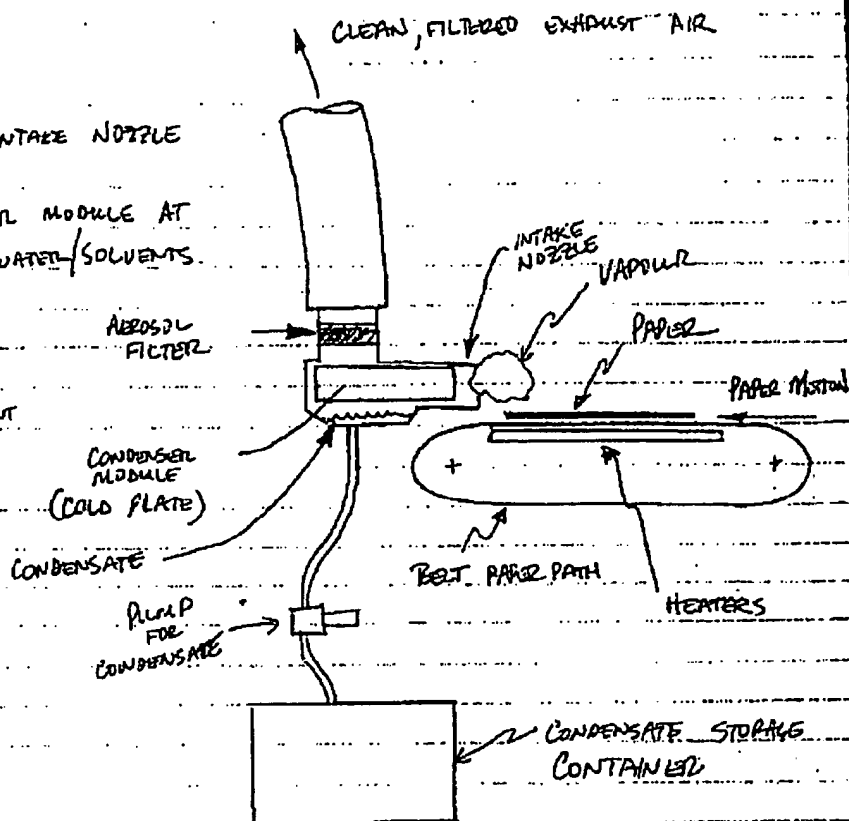
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- ① AIR (VAPOUR) SUCKED INTO INTAKE NOZZLE
- ② VAPOUR RUNS ACROSS CONDENSER MODULE AT LOW TEMP TO CONDENSE WATER/SOLVENTS.
- ③ AIR IS FILTERED
- ④ AIR IS RELEASED TO AMBIENT OFFICE CONDITIONS
- ⑤ CONDENSATE IS PUMPED TO A RESERVOIR



(THIS RESERVOIR MAY BE FIXED OR REPLACEABLE DEPENDING UPON LIFE OF PRINTER)

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